

Application Requirements

- U.S. Citizenship prior to application due date
- Bachelor's degree from a U.S. accredited university or college or foreign equivalent
- Completion of an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)
- See our website for recent education requirements
- Application to UCLA, CSUN, or CSULB graduate program (combined tracks only)

VAGLA DIETETIC INTERNSHIP TRACKS

NON-DEGREE TRACK	STARTS IN JUNE	10 MONTHS IN LENGTH
COMBINED - MPH AT UCLA	STARTS IN SEPTEMBER	22 MONTHS IN LENGTH
COMBINED - MS AT CSULB	STARTS IN AUGUST	24 MONTHS IN LENGTH
COMBINED - MS AT CSUN	STARTS IN AUGUST	30 MONTHS IN LENGTH

PROGRAM INFORMATION

VAGLAHS is a teaching hospital that values education, hands-on training, and evidence-based care.

We offer a Medical Nutrition Therapy concentration with non-degree and combined degree program tracks:

- Non-Degree Track (4 positions)
- Combined Tracks (3 positions total)

MPH track with University of California, Los Angeles

MS track with California State University (CSU), Long Beach or CSU Northridge

The program is full-time (40 hours a week) and offers a stipend of 16581.60* for the combined tracks and \$13,372.80* for the non-degree track.

Health benefits are available through VAGLA starting at approximately \$100 a month

*before deductions, subject to change; payment occurs during supervised practice only

Supervised Practice Experiences*

*Rotations are subject to change

Administrative Dietetics & Food Services - 8 weeks

- Food Production, Services, & Supervision
- Food Service Informatics
- Clinical Supervision

Inpatient Clinical Dietetics - 9 weeks

- General Acute Medicine
- Critical Care (medical & surgical)
- Community Living Center (long-term care)

Outpatient Clinical & Community Dietetics - 12 weeks

- Ambulatory Care
- Home Based Primary Care
- Renal
- Weight Management
- Eating Disorders
- WIC
- National Nutrition Month

Inpatient & Outpatient Clinical Staff Relief - 4 weeks

Special Interest - 2 to 4 weeks

Evidence Analysis Project (research)

Advocacy/Public Policy Project

Diversity, Equity, & Belonging Curriculum

The VAGLA Dietetic Internship program **values diversity** and uses a holistic approach for intern selection

- No minimum GPA
- All work experience is considered, including non-dietetics related, paid, or unpaid
- Soft skills, including leadership, teamwork, adaptability, flexibility, & diverse perspective, are worth 25% of the application score

VAGLA Dietetic Internship

SELECTION CRITERIA

25% Academic Experience

- Writing Skills
- GPA (15%)
- Addtl Degrees and Certifications

25% Practical Experience

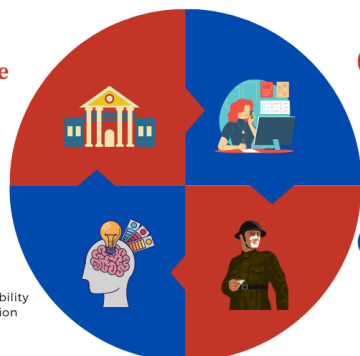
- Paid and Non-Paid
- Clinical
- Food Service
- Customer Service
- Other

25% Soft Skills

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Adaptability & Flexibility
- Creativity & Innovation
- Diverse Perspective

25% Good Fit for the VA

- Veteran Preference
- Experience working with Veterans
- Career goals align with VAGLA DI



Program Mission and Goals

The mission of the dietetic internship program at VAGLAHS is to develop entry-level or above entry-level dietetic professionals who will provide evidence-based care in clinical, community, or food services nutrition.

Program Goals:

- All interns will graduate with at least entry-level skills, and most will graduate with above entry-level skills
- Graduates will function as a valuable member of the interprofessional healthcare team in clinical, community, and supervisory nutrition and dietetics
- Graduates will successfully complete the registration examination and obtain employment in nutrition and dietetics.
- Provide the most effective learning environment possible

Educational Philosophy:

- Learn by doing
- Development of critical thinking skills and independence
- Continuous constructive feedback
- Collaborative approach
- Cultural competence and humility in practice

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"The VAGLA internship - an experience I will cherish for a lifetime. It gave me not only some of the best of friends, it gave me a skillset second to none and provided an incredible foundation for my career! Its leadership, its preceptors, and the breadth of the experience it provides defines this internship."

- Kaitin Reid MPH, RD
Class of 2016

"It has truly been an honor and delight to work with the Veterans. I have so much gratitude for my experience as a VA intern... from the seamless planning and coordination...to the diverse learning opportunities provided within each rotation. ...The program is supported by high caliber preceptors who challenged me in the best ways possible."

- Veronica Buacharern MS, RD
Class of 2019

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